

## Boulder Dam Project

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## NEW MEADOWS HOTEL WILL BE BUILT SOON

Corneros Sell First Unit of Plant, To Retain Casino

Elaborate Building To Be Erected By Veteran Hotel Man

Alex L. Richmond, for many years owner of the famous Arlington hotel at Santa Barbara, an dalso builder of the Barbara Worth Hotel in Imperial valley, has purchased The Meadows hotel from Cornero Brothers, taking possession today.

**CASINO RETAINED**  
The purchase does not cover the Casino and ball room portion of the enterprise, which will be retained and will continue to be operated by Cornero Brothers. The present type of entertainment and the splendid dining service, will be continued on even a more exacting level than before.

Mr. Richmond, in purchasing the Meadows hotel, is fulfilling the ambition of several years standing. Four years ago he first became interested in the possibilities of a high class hotel enterprise in Las Vegas. He has never abandoned the idea, and now is able to begin the realization of his ambitions.

Plans for the elaborate hotel, which have been in preparation for some weeks are well completed.

**CEMENT RECEIVED**  
Already a car load of cement has been received for use in construction of the swimming pool and a contract for the first unit of 40 rooms of the new hotel will be let immediately, Mr. Richmond announces.

**CAME BY PLANE**  
Mr. Richmond has been negotiating for the purchase of the Meadows hotel for some time and the final preparations having been made, he came here by airplane Monday night to close the deal. The work of taking inventory is under way and the transfer will be completed today. In addition to his Barbara Worth and Arlington hotels, Mr. Richmond has been interested in several other important hotel enterprises, among them the Chelsea, which he sold about three years ago.

## DEBT PLAN IS UNCERTAIN IN PARIS

PARIS, June 30. (AP)—By a vote of 197 to 5 the senate tonight gave Premier Laval a free hand to continue his negotiations with Andrew Mellon and other American representatives concerning President Hoover's proposed war debt holiday.

**By United Press**  
The fate of President Hoover's plan for a 12-months' suspension of war debt payments remained uncertain Tuesday night, the eve of the date on which it had been hoped to make it effective.

### ITALY HAS PLAN

Italy announced a plan for making the plan partly effective, should negotiations for a compromise on France's objections fail. The fascist government informed her debtors that payment due Wednesday was suspended, pending the outcome of negotiations on the Hoover plan. France continued unwavering in refusal to surrender her reservations. The French senate, after an attack on the United States, voted confidence in the government's attitude and negotiations with Andrew W. Mellon will be resumed tomorrow after the United States secretary of treasury has received new instructions from Washington.

### LONDON SPECULATION

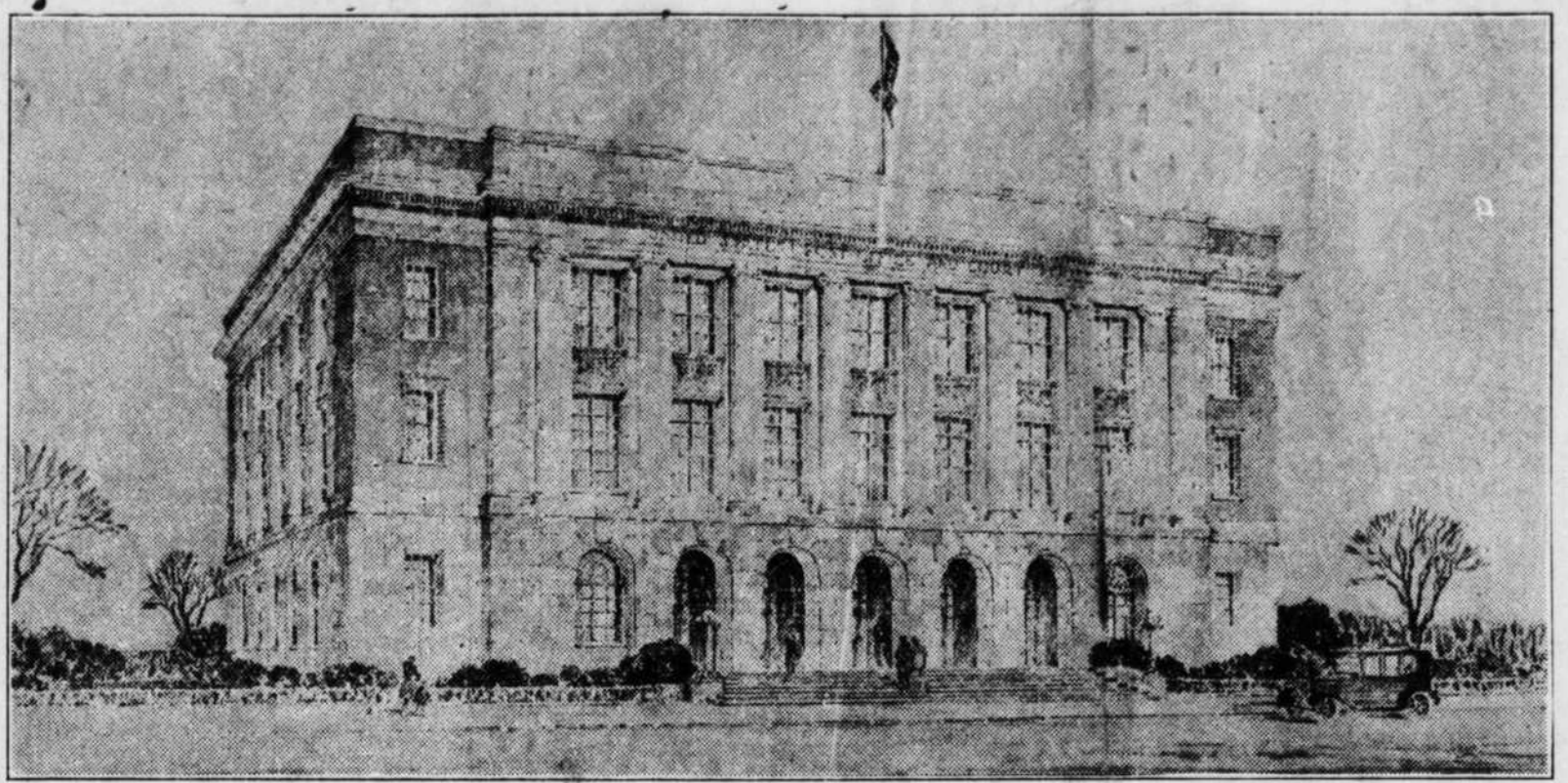
In London there was speculation on whether the plan could be carried out without cooperation of France. Belgium announced acceptance of the Hoover plan in principle, but with reservations asking special treatment.

## L. A. WIFE SLAYER MUST DIE, ROLPH

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 30. (AP)—William Henry Burkhardt, Los Angeles wife slayer, will be executed by Governor James Rolph, Jr., announced today.

Governor Rolph reported that the majority of members of the state supreme court had refused to recommend clemency for Burkhardt, automatically depriving the governor of power to interfere. Burkhardt, a two-time felon before his last crime, could not go to the governor for clemency except through the supreme court.

## Las Vegas' New Federal Court Building and Post Office



## MERCURY HIGH AND RELIEF WANTING

CHICAGO, June 30. (AP)—Temperatures soared to new records, crops continued to bake, and the death toll grew today at an alarming rate as the season's worst heat wave continued unabated.

### RELIEF FOR TWO

Only in two states, Kentucky and Indiana, was there any relief and there the menace of heat was replaced by that of storms.

The heat wave extended from the Rocky mountains to the east coast. Weather forecasters could promise no general relief for two days.

So hot did it become in many cities that pavements buckled up under the blistering sun and railroad tracks spread and caused derailments.

### FARMERS DIE

Suffering was not confined to the cities, however, and at least a dozen farmers fell dead of heat while working in their fields. In Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin and South Dakota, several thousand horses have died of the heat.

Both on farms and in the cities, work was delayed as thousands gave up even trying to carry on until the temperatures drop. Beaches and parks were packed, both night and day, and in the west there was a sudden influx of more than 40,000 visitors into the cooler mountain regions.

Due to heavy rains before the heat wave began, crop losses were said to be small, except in the northwest. In Wisconsin, the valuable pea crop was reported suffering seriously.

### HOPES BRIEF

Hopes for relief in the Chicago area were short lived, although rain was forecast by noon. This weather, experts said, was due to a change in wind, but the breezes blew off the lake only a short time, then shifted again to carry in more heat off the western plains.

Among the cities where new heat records for June were hung up today were Milwaukee, 100; Atlanta, 102; Birmingham, 106; Peoria, 104; and Evansville, 102. Many other cities have seen records set since the wave began and Chicago missed getting a new mark only because official temperatures now are taken at the University of Chicago instead of in the loop. While today's highest mark at the university was 92, reliable thermometers in the loop registered 100 and in some of the western suburbs where the lake breeze was not felt, the mercury climbed to 101 and 102.

### LIGHTER ASPECTS

The heat wave had its lighter aspects also.

At Ladoga, Ind., for instance, the (Continued on page six)

## AMPLE SPACE TO BE PROVIDED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Facing the city at what will eventually be the civic center with North Third street as the entrance, the magnificent structure shown above, Las Vegas' United States postoffice and federal court building, will probably be a reality before the winter is over.

### THREE STORIES

The edifice will rise to three stories and will house all federal offices in this area.

Beginning below ground, the basement will contain four storage rooms, a fuel room, a building engineer's office and offices for civil service examinations and the prohibition department headquarters.

The ground floor will be devoted entirely to the post office, being divided into a spacious lobby for the public, offices for the postmaster and assistant, a work room containing 4,356 square feet, lookout posts, vaults and other requisites.

On the second floor will be the federal court room containing 2,491 square feet. On this floor are also offices for a post office inspector, U. S. marshal, clerk of the court, witness room, detention cell, and the judge's chambers. Steps from the court room lead up to the third floor where the jury room is located. The second floor is also provided with a lookout room.

### RECLAMATION OFFICES

On the third and top floor, offices are provided for the U. S. attorney and his assistant. The reclamation bureau will occupy 1,700 square feet along the front of the building and there are grand jury and petit jury rooms. The top story is built around three sides of the court room level. An elevator will serve all four floors of the building.

The new structure will be 120 feet 10 inches by 96 feet, eight inches, and the lot on which it will stand will be 250 by 350 feet. A driveway will be cut through the grounds at each end of the building and pass the loading platforms in the rear. Present plans call for plots of grass over the balance of the lot.

Bids will be opened for construction of the building on July 22, the office of the supervising architect of the treasury has announced.

## 117 LICENSES TO WED ISSUED; ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Breaking all records, one hundred and seventy marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk William L. Scott during the month of June, it was announced by the official yesterday.

This smashes the previous all high records of April and May in which one hundred licenses were issued.

It was predicted recently by Mr. Scott that July and August would break the July record for issuance of marriage licenses.

## AGE TO HAVE DAILY CROSS WORD PUZZLE

Beginning this morning Las Vegas Age takes pleasure in presenting to its readers a new crossword puzzle series. In announcing the new feature, The Age is complying with numerous requests for a good thought-twisting puzzle.

This puzzle series is written by Lars Morris, former staff member of the late New York World, and while the renewed craze swept the country like wildfire, after a lapse in public favor of some twenty years, Morris plugged away producing a puzzle daily.

These word catchers are real vocabulary testers and we hope they will meet with approval of those of you who like to match your wits against a dictionary.

## MISS SYPHUS IS WED HERE

A pretty wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Mrs. Louise Conklin last night when Miss Clara Rae Syphus, well-known in Las Vegas, became the bride of Lloyd Frederick Williams, popular employe of Anderson's dairy.

Bishop Bryan Bunker, of the L. D. S. Church performed the ceremony.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Syphus, father and mother of Miss Syphus; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams of Goodsprings, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Syphus, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reber of Littlefield, Ariz., sister and brother-in-law; Misses June and Eleanor Syphus, sisters of the bride; Bert Williams, brother of the groom;

Messrs. Fair Lawrence, Lloyd Foremaster, Merlin Hunting, Billy Burke, Bud Stringfellow, Frank Stringfellow, Bob Moore, Harry Shade, Chas. Cooper;

Mesdames: Donovan, Hoover, Conklin, McOsker, Rosier;

Misses: Phyllis Roder, Lila Jennings, Margaret Bach.

The co-workers of Miss Syphus at the State cafe were present.

Dainty refreshments were served after the ceremony.

The young couple plan a trip in September.

## VEGAS COUPLE IS MARRIED IN CITY

A wedding of interest was consummated Saturday when Miss Louise Barnum became the bride of Mr. Orlando Dimick.

The young couple will reside in Las Vegas. Mrs. Dimick is the daughter of Mrs. Lucy Barnum, a member of the graduating class of 1929 of the local high school.

Mr. Dimick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Dimick, and is an employe of the state highway department.

### INSPECTOR HERE

Post Office Inspector F. E. Smith has been in Las Vegas and Boulder City for a couple of days on business.

## VEGAS MAN IS INJURED IN CRASH

W. G. McCall was taken to the Las Vegas hospital last night following an accident in which a car driven by R. A. Anderson, local well driller, hit McCall as he was crossing First street at Fremont.

McCall's back was severely cut and he received bruises and torn ligaments.

Anderson was following two cars east on Fremont street when a car suddenly shot out from north First street causing Anderson to swerve to the right, McCall at that time was crossing the street. Anderson in trying to miss, McCall also hit a car that was coming in to Fremont from First. An agreement was reached by the principals.

## WORK STARTS ON NEW ROAD

Work will be started today on the Las Vegas end of the Boulder City highway it was announced by Earl Roche of the General Construction company.

The new project will start at Fifth street and extend out Fremont to the new oil stretch recently completed by Pat Cline, Inc.

Roche's company will handle the construction work, award of the oil surfacing contract to be let later.

## PLAYFUL DOG IS CAUSE OF CRASH

GLEN ARBOR, Mich., June 30. (AP)—Interference of a pet police dog with the controls of a sport monoplane was believed responsible tonight for the plane crash in which Logan Degan, 30, amateur pilot, was killed.

The dog died with him in the wreck.

## HEARING ON FREIGHT SET

WASHINGTON, June 30. (AP)—The \$400,000 freight increase plea of the nation's railroads was set today by the Interstate Commerce commission for hearing, starting July 15 in Washington and probably lasting far into autumn.

The hearings on the request for a 15 per cent general increase will be continued in later weeks in various parts of the country, to ascertain regional sentiment, and selected state railroad commissioners will be asked to participate.

The eleven members of the commission, the supreme court of transportation, will virtually forego its summer vacation to expedite action on the emergency request of the railroads—a request which has been vigorously opposed already by many farming and shipping interests.

## HAM HAMILTON IN TOILS OF L. A. LAW

LOS ANGELES, June 30. (AP)—Unless Lloyd Hamilton, screen comedian, makes some arrangements for payment of \$15,000 back alimony, he will be given a chance to perform antics behind jail bars.

Superior Judge Walter Guerin said today.

Hamilton was cited into court by his former wife, Mrs. Ethel Hamilton, who charged that while the comedian pleaded lack of screen payments to other creditors.

## DENVER FIRM LOW BIDDER ON DAM WORK

General Construction Company Is Second Lowest Estimator

Boulder City Street Job It To Be Done In 210 Days

Ten bids for the construction of streets, including concrete walks, curbs and gutters and paving; paving of parking areas; building water and sewer systems and other details of civic improvements upon which to build Boulder City, were opened by Engineer John C. Page, at the offices of the bureau of reclamation yesterday at ten o'clock.

### THE BIDS

The low bid was that of the New Mexico Construction company, of Albuquerque and Denver, \$247,000.

General Construction Corporation of Las Vegas (Earl Roche) was second lowest bidder, \$386,605.50.

Other bids were as follows: Wheelwright Construction Co., of Ogden, \$394,317.50.

Kemper Construction Co., Los Angeles, \$413,046.

O. U. Miracle, Whittier, Cal., \$413,225.00.

V. P. Strange, Salt Lake City, \$451,963.00.

Geo. H. Oswald, Los Angeles, \$452,356.50.

Morrison-Knudson Co., Boise, Idaho, \$475,910.25.

Thomas Haverty, Los Angeles, \$478,601.75.

John Artukovich, \$504,337.00.

Officials of the New Mexico Construction company, the low bidder, who were present at the opening of bids, state that they are ready to begin work immediately.

The bids will be checked and tabulated in the local offices, after which they will go to the Denver office for confirmation and then to Washington where the contract will be prepared.

### IS EXPERIENCED

The New Mexico company has had wide experience in contracting on work similar to this and have a good record of accomplishment.

The notification to proceed under the contract probably will be given in about two weeks, after which construction must begin within ten days.

The time for construction of the water and sewer systems in 120 days and the remainder of the work, 210 days.

### GRAF OVER ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, Scotland, June 30. (AP)—The dirigible, Graf Zeppelin, flying toward Iceland, passed over the coast at 7 p. m. at a low altitude, proceeding due north.

## U.S. Fliers Reach Edmonton Safely

## ARENTZ TALKS TO CHAMBER; SEES GOOD FUTURE

Dam Power Market Is Predicted in Mines Area of Lincoln

Several guests were present at the chamber of commerce meeting yesterday noon and were introduced by President Yates.

The first was Mr. Silvagni who is building a fine hotel at the corner of Second and Fremont streets. He spoke briefly, saying that he has great confidence in this country because of the great mineral resources which are apparent, and also because of the construction of Boulder dam.

### ARE INTRODUCED

Mr. Charles Topping and Congressman Samuel S. Arentz also were introduced.

C. C. Ronnow, chairman of the special committee on jail, asked to be relieved of that position and S. R. Whitehead was appointed in his place.

M. W. Davis reported that it was necessary to hold the banquet to Secretary Wilbur and other officials at the Methodist church, that being the only place available which would accommodate the number expected to attend. He requested that all reservations for tickets be made not later than Thursday noon in order that preparations could be made.

### ROAD OPEN

A letter from the Hawthorne chamber of commerce reported that the road on the west side of Walker Lake is not closed as reported.

Messrs. Topping and Umbaugh were elected members of the chamber.

W. J. Flowers moved that the secretary call on members to meet and welcome new residents to the city to make them feel at home. The motion was carried.

L. J. Oakes asked to be excused for the summer. He also called attention to complaints regarding the alleged "travels" of the city building code. On motion President Yates appointed Frank Beam, James Farns-dale and A. H. Harrington a committee to investigate the matter and report.

### LAUDS PIONEER

Congressman Arentz was called upon to speak. He told of his association with George A. Fayle with whom he first came to Clark county six years ago and paid high tribute to the accomplishments of that pioneer.

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## Reservations For Congressional Dinner Will Close This Evening

## Several Officials From Coast To Be Present At Fete For Washington Visitors

Reservations for the dinner to be given Friday evening at the Methodist church by the chamber of commerce in honor of the House appropriations committee will be closed at seven o'clock this evening, according to Secretary Nye Wilson of the chamber.

Dinner tickets may be obtained at the chamber office, of O. W. Yates, M. W. Davis, or Andy Rafael. The dinner will be started promptly at 6:30. Following the dinner Chamber of Commerce President Yates will welcome the guests and introduce Louis C. Cramton, who will act as toastmaster.

Secretary of Interior Wilbur will make a talk as will Frank Murphy, chairman of the Congressional committee, and others.

W. R. Bracken yesterday made reservations for twelve Union Pacific officials who will be headed by President Carl Gray of the railroad company.

Six newsreel men will visit the project at the river with the party and will later attend the dinner.

Several of the large coast newspapers will have representatives present along with local newspapermen. The Metropolitan water district of Los Angeles will have eight representatives according to the latest reports of last night. H. A. Van Norman, general manager, and E. P. Scattergood, chief electrical engineer, of the water and power department of Los Angeles, will bring a party of four.

Nevada's Congressman Arentz will attend the dinner as will State Engineer George Malone. Governor Balzar was invited but may not be able to be here.

The chamber of commerce has arranged to give those attending the dinner a suitable souvenir. The dinner will be prepared by the ladies of the church, headed by Mrs. C. D. Baker. It is thought that the church quarters are the coolest in town, especially at dinner time.

## Murder Mystery Surrounding Graft Tipstress Back In Hands Of Police

Broadway night life figure. The red-haired woman had been found strangled in Van Courland park last spring, the day before she was to have offered evidence that she had been "framed" on a vice charge by a New York policeman.

Her murder attracted nationwide attention, particularly after the "shame suicide" of Vivian's 16-year old daughter Benita Bischof, and directed even more attention on the activities of the police department, the courts and politicians of greater New York, and resulted finally in a legislature ordered investigation of the municipal government.

NEW YORK, June 30. (AP)—The Vivian Gordon murder mystery was thrown back into the hands of the New York police department today by a jury which held Harry Stein and Samuel Greenberg were not guilty of her murder as charged.

Arrest and indictment of the two accused men had been hailed in a spectacularly staged announcement party arranged by Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney and attended by Mayor James A. Walker as a "vindication of the police department."

The police department had been "implicated" only by circumstances surrounding the murder of the

LAS VEGAS WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 1, 1931. Maximum temperature 100. Minimum temperature 70.

**METAL MARKET**  
NEW YORK, June 30. (AP)—Copper, 15 1/2; spot and futures, 8 1/2. Lead, 10 1/2; spot and futures, 4 1/2. Zinc, 10 1/2; spot and futures, 3 1/2 and 3 3/4. Silver, 29 1/2.

## Wives Flying East To Be Present For Big New York Ovation

Aviators Land In Mud But Pull Plane On Road For Take Off

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, June 30. (AP)—The monoplane Winnie Mae which came down here tonight in a driving rainstorm, was hauled from the mud where it landed by a tractor, rested on a paved road near the airport tonight ready for a takeoff at 3 a. m. (5 a. m. EST.).

### EARLY TAKE-OFF

Pilot Wiley Post and Navigator Harold Gatty announced their decision for the early morning take-off just before retiring, exhausted by their time shattering flight.

Gatty first announced the take-off for Cleveland at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Shortly thereafter it was decided to leave at once for a dry field at Saskatoon, as there was danger the Winnie Mae would be mired in the mud of the local port.

The take-off from the hard surfaced road near the airport then was suggested, and the plane was refused, hauled by a tractor into position, and the fliers prepared to retire for a long-delayed rest.

### TIRED SIX DAYS

"Are you tired?" they were asked. "We've been tired for six days," their reply, was borne out by their appearance as they stepped from the plane on the mud-soaked landing field a short time earlier.

And as they retired, their decision on the exact route they would follow in Wednesday's flight which they hope will terminate successfully at Roosevelt field, their starting point, was still to be made. Either Cleveland or Detroit will be a refueling point, it was believed.

Their take-off will not be without its thrill—a long, fast spin down the hard surface of the western Canada roadbed in which a misadventure may send their plane hurtling to one side or another on its nose.

### NO SIMPLE TASK

It's no simple task for even accomplished aviators as they are to set a plane down on a soggy, sticky field such as the airport here today.

As their plane eased down, an automobile slashed through the mud to the far side of the field, picked up the two fliers and skidded its way back to the hangar.

Among the crowd of 5,000 which turned out to welcome the fliers despite the rain, was the Hon. Vernon Smith, acting premier of Alberta.

"It is a wonderful day for Edmonton," declared the mayor. "We are just as proud of what you have done as we would be if you were from our own country. Your accomplishment has been marvelous."

"Oh, I'm feeling fine, nothing to it," said Gatty when asked how he felt since he was struck at Nome by the propeller of the ship.

"It was just a bump," he continued. "The propeller was damaged, and we had to get a new one, but I didn't even need a bandage."

### DESCRIBES FLIGHT

Asked to describe the flight from Fairbanks to Edmonton and to tell how they manage to come so direct, Post replied:

"We didn't come as the crow flies; we just came to Edmonton."

Post said the strong north wind which had swept the storm across the city all day had been a big help to him. It increased the plane's speed, he said, and enabled them to make the best time on any leg of the flight thus far.

The average speed from Fairbanks to Edmonton, a distance of more than 1,600 miles, was about 175 miles per hour. This was 45 miles an hour faster than the average on the previous legs.

### MSR. GATTY ON WAY

LOS ANGELES, June 30. (AP)—Mrs. Harold Gatty, wife of one of the two fliers making a speedy trip around the globe, embarked on her first airplane journey today when she departed for New York to meet her husband.

"No one knows just how glad I am that Harold is back safe after the most perilous part of the flight," she said. "Harold is a good navigator. I knew he would pull through all right."

"I didn't worry. I spent a peaceful night, but my thoughts were always with him," she said, concerning the time when her husband was spanning the Pacific. She left their three children with friends here.